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## **Amendments to the Claims:**

The below listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims:**

- 1. (Cancelled).
- 2. (New) A method for providing users with access to a transmission system associated with a school system comprising the steps of:
  - a. creating a parent account of the transmission system by a first of said users, wherein said first user is associated with a first hierarchical level of the transmission system;
  - b. associating said parent account with a family member;
  - c. associating said parent account with a student account of the transmission system, wherein said student account is associated with a student, said family member is associated with said student, and said student is associated with the school system;
  - d. verifying said parent account should be associated to said student account by a second of said users, wherein said second user is associated with a second hierarchical level of the transmission system;
  - e. managing said parent account by any of said users associated with said second hierarchical level.
- 3. (New) The method of claim 2 further comprising:
  - a. verifying said family member should be associated with said parent account.
- 4. (New) The method of claim 2 wherein:
  - a. said family member is a mother of said student.
- 5. (New) The method of claim 2 wherein:
  - a. said family member is a grandparent of said student.
- 6. (New) The method of claim 2 further comprising:
  - a. providing said family member with a uniform resource locator; and
  - b. registering said parent account by said family member.
- 7. (New) The method of claim 2 further comprising:
  - a. accepting a payment for said parent account,
  - b. wherein said verifying said parent account is based on said payment.
- 8. (New) The method of claim 2 further comprising:

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- a. sending a confirmation code to said family member, said confirmation code is associated with said parent account; and
- b. transmitting said confirmation code to said second user by said family member,
- c. wherein said verifying said parent account is based on said confirmation code.
- 9. (New) The method of claim 2 wherein:
  - a. said verifying said parent account is based on a receipt of a form signed by said family member.
- 10. (New) The method of claim 2 further comprising:
  - a. receiving at least one attempt to register said parent account by an unauthorized user;
  - b. blocking said unauthorized user from the transmission system based on said at least one attempt.
- 11. (New) The method of claim 2 further comprising:
  - a. associating a first access to a first set of certain aspects of the transmission system;
  - b. associating a second access to a second set of certain aspects of the transmission system; and
  - c. providing said parent account with said first access.
- 12. (New) The method of claim 11 further comprising:
  - a. preventing said parent account from said second access.
- 13. (New) The method of claim 12 wherein:
  - a. said second user determines said first access, said second access, and said preventing said parent account from said second access.
- 14. (New) The method of claim 11 further comprising:
  - a. providing said parent account with said second access.
- 15. (New) The method of claim 14 wherein:
  - a. said second access includes an ability to send an email broadcast to a subset of the users, said subset of the users exhibiting a set of criteria matching a set of specific search criteria.
- 16. (New) The method of claim 11 further comprising:
  - a. creating a teacher account of the transmission system;
  - b. associating a teacher with said teacher account;
  - c. associating said teacher account with said student account, wherein said teacher is associated with said student;

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- d. said parent account being configured to access said first aspect and to be prevented access to said second aspect.
- 23. (New) The electronic system of claim 22 wherein:
  - a. said first aspect is a plurality of homework assignments, and
  - b. said second aspect is a private folder.
- 24. (New) The electronic system of claim 21 further comprising:
  - a. a virtual classroom configured to allow an interaction between said parent account, said student account, and said teacher account.
- 25. (New) The electronic system of claim 21 further comprising:
  - a. a virtual conference configured to allow an interaction between said parent account and said teacher account.